

## PROPER STORAGE OF TRASH AND GARBAGE:

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Citizens must cooperate in maintaining sanitary environmental conditions in their community.

Without this cooperation, neighborhoods invite infestation by rodents and other pests, which can act as carriers for transmitting disease. In addition, neighborhoods can slowly deteriorate and eventually cause a loss in property values.

**The guidelines listed within this brochure will help you accomplish several important things:**

- You keep your home and community more attractive.
- You provide a clean environment for your children and their friends.
- You reduce the hazards of fire and accident.
- You help to prevent the spread of disease carried by vermin.
- You help to save tax money by speeding up refuse collection.
- You identify yourself as a good citizen.

## BENEFITS OF:

### • GOOD REFUSE MANAGEMENT

- Frequent washing of container will not be necessary.
- Flies will not have a place to breed.
- Odors will be reduced.
- Rats will not have a place to feed.
- Pick up service will be faster.

### • CLEAN GARBAGE CONTAINERS

- Last longer
- Save money
- Help prevent spread of disease.
- Improve yard appearance.

### • TIGHT LIDS

- Make food inaccessible to rodents or insects.
- Prevent dogs or wind from spilling refuse from can.



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## REFUSE MANAGEMENT



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## GUIDELINES FOR REFUSE HANDLING:

### 1. USE PROPER CONTAINERS

Your refuse storage containers may be made of either galvanized metal or heavy plastic. The containers should have tight lids, convenient handles, and a maximum capacity of 20 gallons. Replace worn or improperly fitting lids.



### 2. KEEP THEM CLEAN



Using plastic liners will protect your containers from undue soiling and rusting. They will also reduce the necessity of frequent cleaning.

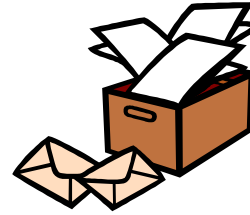
Proper use of plastic liners will

- Reduce street litter
- Eliminate odors and flies
- Prevent can damage
- Result in quieter trash collection
- Save carrying cans

The area around containers should be kept clean at all times. Occasionally, it may be necessary to spray with insecticides.

### 3. SPECIAL REFUSE

Cardboard and newspapers can be bundled, thereby reserving space for garbage and smaller refuse in the containers. Material that can be recycled may be separated and placed out at the curb for separate recycling collection on designated recycling days or taken to the nearest recycling drop off center.



#### Baltimore County Recycling Drop-Off Center Locations

##### Western Acceptance Facility

(Halethorpe)

Monday - Saturday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

##### Northwest Area Recycling Center

(Randallstown)

Monday - Sunday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

##### Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility

(Cockeysville)

Monday - Saturday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

##### Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility

(White Marsh)

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

For additional information on residential recycling, please call the Baltimore County Department of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste Management at 410-887-2000.

### 4. TIMING IS IMPORTANT

Until refuse is removed from your property, you are solely responsible for its proper storage.



It is important to store refuse in a way that it is not accessible to rats, dogs, or other pests. When plastic liners are used, the liners can be removed, tied, and set out **on the morning of collection** without the refuse containers.

### 5. KEEP YARD, ALLEY, AND WALKWAYS CLEAN

Whenever you clean your yard, attic, basement, or garage, the refuse must be disposed of through proper methods. Your yard must be kept free of trash, weeds, and animal feces. Citizens are responsible for cleaning the walkways and alleys adjacent to their homes or properties.

Call Solid Waste Management at (410) 887-2000 for the names of bulk trash collection companies in your area.

